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Mr. Ernie Lazar
Post Office Box 423434
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✓ Subject of Request: Virginia L. Shackelford

FOIPA No. 429579 /190- HQ-1250810

Dear Requester:

*HQ 100-430000, #1-#3 1/12/59-5/17/61 = 26pp
Seattle PO file, #1-#46, 1/9/59-2/28/61 = 73pp*

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Section 552a

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

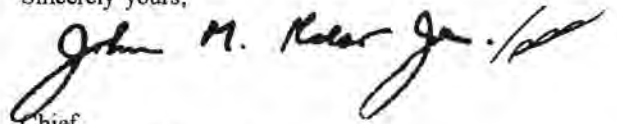
Pursuant to your request, 99 pages(s) were reviewed and 99 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

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- ☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



Chief

Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section

Office of Public and Congressional Affairs

Enclosures (2)

This release consists of two main investigative files. One of these was located at FBI Headquarters and the other file was located in our Seattle Field Office.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS
RELEASE**

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA L Shackelford

PAGES REVIEWED: 73

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/9/59

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: Mrs. EDWINE P. SHACKELFORD
aka VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] b2 b7D

Attached is a ^{R/D} copy of a letter the above will send to the Director, together with copies of some material on education which she plans to send to with the letter. The material, together with a copy of our letter to the Director concerning her should be filed for future reference.

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b2 [REDACTED] b7D

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM-----U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 1/9/59

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: "PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS
IS - C

MRS E P SHACKELFORD,
1105 NO. L
TACOMA 3 WASH
N 11 18 58 6 N W E

EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTION

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b7D [REDACTED] on 1/8/59 furnished SA [REDACTED] b7c
the information that the above subscription to the "People's
World" has expired and was not renewed. No further record of
this information is being retained in the informant's file or
other files of the San Francisco Office.

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in
San Francisco.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,
is in a position to furnish up to date information on the sub-
scription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that
current subscription information is available to the FBI would
immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore,
it is requested that current interviews and investigation of
subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below
the mailing address has the following significance: The date
indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date in-
dicates a yearly subscription, and a "6" indicates a six-months
subscription. The "WE" indicates a weekend subscription, which
applies in all cases now that the paper is only published week-
ly. A "C" designates charter subscribers; a "LTS" designates
life-time subscription; and an "N" indicates a new subscriber.
A "CO" means that the subscription is complementary.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM-----U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: "PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS
IS - C

DATE: 11/2/59

[REDACTED]

Virginia Shackelford
b2 105-542-36
[REDACTED]
b7D + memo ref

NEW SUBSCRIPTION b7C

[REDACTED] on 11/2/59 furnished to SA [REDACTED] the new "People's World" (PW) subscription, as reflected above. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office.

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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b7D [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is in a position to furnish up to date information on the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that current subscription information is available to the FBI would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore, it is requested that current interviews and investigation of subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below the mailing address has the following significance: The date indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly subscription, and a "6" indicates a six-months subscription. The "WE" indicates a week-end subscription, which applies in all cases, now that the paper is only published weekly. A "C" designates charter subscribers; an "LTS" designates lifetime subscription; and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means that the subscription is complementary.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (100-18979)
FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c
SUBJECT: YOUTH MATTERS
IS - C

Date: 12/5/60

On October 25, 1960, Mrs. VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD, 1105 No. L Street, Tacoma, Washington, furnished some information she felt would be of interest to the FBI. Mrs. SHACKELFORD is a former tuberculosis patient who developed an interest in the study of Communism while in the sanitarium and continues to work, attempting to expose Communists, primarily with the American Legion in Tacoma and also with other groups. [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] furnished written details of a "Panel Forum on the Jones Case" given during one of the regular "People's Forums" put on by [REDACTED] has previously furnished a report of the meeting which was actually organized by the Tacoma Marxist-Leninist study group. The meeting was held Oct. 19, 1960 at the Tacoma Public Library.

Among the people present named by [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] of Bremerton, Washington was scheduled to take part in the panel, but did not appear.

The report [REDACTED] will be filed in the file on [REDACTED]. A newspaper clipping furnished by Mr. SHACKELFORD will be filed with it. b2 b7D

1 - FILE
CC: [REDACTED]

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105-2445
105-542 (VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD) b7c

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100-24361
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100-3941
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FILM DAMAGED
 The Editor: A film, "Communism on the Map" has been showing throughout the Seattle area recently and has come under a virulent attack, which, perhaps shows it is effective in exposing the relentless advance of communism, nation by nation.
 According to the Northwest Progress, Jan. 27, Capt. Kenneth Sanger, commandant of Sand Point Naval Base, has made the film available and said: "If I did not think it was basically factual and worthwhile to alert the American people of the threats to our American heritage, and if I did not think it encourages us to positive action, namely to a return to our traditional American ideals, I would never allow the film to be shown."
 Wells McCurdy, executive vice president of Puget Western, Inc., a subsidiary of Puget Sound Power and Light, had warned Captain Sanger that "those who would prefer that the American people not know this side of communism would try to destroy the film." Since loaning the film as a public service, Mr. McCurdy said, "Our film has come back with several sentences of the sound track carefully erased. This has happened several times. Fortunately, a master tape is maintained in a safe so that these tamperings become only an annoyance."
 Captain Sanger said that their copy also had been tampered with. It is certainly significant that so many attempts are being made to secretly tamper with or destroy this picture.
 The editorial adds that the Progress has carefully reviewed the film and recommends its showing, adding: "We do not apologize for the fact that the film is dramatic and shocking. We are convinced that the American people need just such a shock."
 For those who wish to see it for themselves, the film is now available here in Tacoma.
VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD
 1105 N. 17th St.

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A PROPHET NOT WITHOUT
 To the Editor: For several years I have followed the career of a local woman, Virginia Shackelford, with great interest. At first I thought that her dire warnings about a variety of subjects rather far-fetched. But I have come to respect her opinion, since so many things she talked of several years ago are now accepted. I heard her denounced for warning of the dangers in our trade program but now Thor Tollefson and others are aware of these dangers and have promised to do something about them. In the November issue of Parents Magazine was an article de-

scribing the new "get tough" policy in school curriculum. It describes all of the changes that Mrs. Shackelford had been advocating all along such as rediscovering the old stories and fairy tales to be incorporated into the new textbooks; more practice in memorizing such things as multiplication tables. The article said educators are rediscovering the value of memory training and beyond that, the fact that some great passages of writing--prose and verse--should be committed to memory. There will be fewer elective and more required courses. A student will in the future be much less likely to take social studies in any order but the natural one: from ancient history to modern times and from Judeo-Christian past to Medieval Europe and finally America. Several years ago Mrs. Shackelford gave many talks on a report by Dr. William E. Mayer, who recently spoke at the University of Puget Sound, and The News Tribune had an excellent editorial calling attention to his observations. But I wonder why there was no editorial when she first brought up the subject. Perhaps it is because she is several years ahead in her thinking.
 VINA BROWN
 408 No. M St.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-2359)

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: PIERCE COUNTY CP
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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
[REDACTED]	Misc. activity on 2/1/61	2/7/61	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Approved [Signature]

Informant furnished following written report:

1 - 100-2359

cc:

[REDACTED]
100-14241
100-19565
100-23896
100-3250
100-211
100-13394
100-22590
100-18728
100-23636
100-14951
100-23639
100-21139
100-24241
100-18980
100-17755
65-898
100-20481
100-20890
100-21006

(LEGISLATIVE)
(POLITICAL)

62-2356 (OP. ABOLITION)
100-22360 (HCUA)
100-0 [REDACTED] b7c

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"On Feb 1st 1961 [redacted] attended a hearing on House Bill 160 held at the state Capital in Olympia Wn. He went as a guest of [redacted] who drove he & [redacted] and his wife [redacted]

"They arrived about a half hour before the hearing was opened. While they were seated they looked about them and were able to see quite a number of their friends such as [redacted] & wife from Seattle [redacted]

[redacted] The original hall planned for the meeting was so overcrowded they were forced to change the meeting place to the Senate Chambers to accomodate the crowd. So all who arrived early at [redacted] insistance to get a seat well down in front lost out complatly when they changed halls. From [redacted] talk all members of the party we required to attend, but the croud was so vast it was impossible to check to see if this order was complied with. [redacted] was told by [redacted] when he and [redacted] came to pick him up to tell his wife not to expect him early as they would be home quite late as they were going to stop by [redacted] after the hearing was over.

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"They left as soon as the hearing over and went over to [redacted] home the Jda was to watch the Debate between VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD and an ex Naval officer & [redacted] and one of his members a [redacted] debate the tactics of the house un-American Committee.

"After it was over they seemed quite pleased with what they had seen. However [redacted] said she was a bit disapointed with [redacted] approach to some of the issues, but was more than pleased with [redacted] arguments particularly since he was known to be a bitter anti Communist. After it was over she and [redacted] talked over some of the bills he was lobbying for, such as graduated income tax. And he gave her a number of orders of things that should be done. Of which she after they were on their way home laughed about saying he could really get her goat, giving out orders right and left. [redacted] discussed plans for getting [redacted] to over to [redacted] house for an informal chat.

"They arived home well after one .A.M."

Recommended Action: None. Source could furnish no further information and agent has taken all necessary action.

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TO : SAC (100-0-)

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : [REDACTED] SA

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR NON-VIOLENT ACTION
IS - C

On Feb. 24, 1961, Mrs. VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD, 1105 No. L St. Tacoma, Wn. furnished copies of a publication put out by the captioned organization, which she thinks might be Communist in origin. She has no basis for this suspicion other than what is written in the publication.

Copies will be retained for information.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED] b2 b7D

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : [REDACTED] SA b7C

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD
Information Concerning

Mrs. SHACKELFORD, who heads a group in Tacoma known as the Tacoma Study Club, puts out a monthly bulletin, a copy of which is attached, to be filed for reference to the type of material covered in the bulletin.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-2359)

DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: PIERCE CO. CP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SOURCE	EVENT	REC'D	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	Meeting of Trade Union CP Club 2/7/61	2/8/61 (Acknowledged on 2/21/61)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Informants furnished following written report:

1 - 100-2359
cc: [REDACTED]

100-3250
-15093
-22285
-16483
-14981
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-13217 (FLYNN " "
-13223 (FOSTER " "
100-17605 (FUNDS)
-19812 (PW)
-18980 (LEGISLATIVE)
-19222 (NEGRO QUEST.)
-18979 (YOUTH)
-18336 (LITERATURE)
-2372 (SW. DIST.)
-2303 (ORG.)
62-2356 (OP. ABOLITION)

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"February 8, 1961

Event: Meeting of Trade Union CP Club

Place: Tacoma, Washington

Date: February 7, 1961

Present at this meeting were:

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The first business of the meeting was the collection of CP dues and contributions to the RFF Fund. [redacted] paid his dues of \$2.00 a month for the months of December, 1960 and January, 1961.- a total of \$4.00. He paid dues for [redacted] for the some months of \$.50 per month, a total of \$1.00. He also paid in \$5.00 on the RFF Fund for himself and [redacted] paid \$14.00 on their RFF pledge for December, 1960 and paid their December, 1960 and January, 1961 dues, \$4.00 for [redacted] and \$1.00 for [redacted]

[redacted] paid his CP dues of \$2.00 per month for December, January, and February, a total of \$6.00. [redacted] handed [redacted] a \$10.00 bill which he said had been given him by [redacted] and told her to take out \$4.00 for [redacted] CP dues and \$5.00 for [redacted] for a renewal of his "People's World"

"subscription. [REDACTED] did not pay anything on his dues or RFF. [REDACTED] took in a total of \$58.00 during the evening for various dues and RFF contributions.

The next business was a report on finances by [REDACTED]. He reported that the quota of "People's World" funds for Pierce County in 1960 was \$1225.00 and a total of \$1,330.60 was raised. Of this the quota for the Trade Union Club was \$500.00 and a total of \$507.11 was raised. The club raised \$508.13 in 1959.

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b7D He reported that the Trade Union Club raised \$686.43 in funds for the Party last year. He reported that the quota of Party funds to be raised from PW readers for last year was \$669.81 for Pierce County and a total of \$486.91 was raised. The Pierce County quota of Party funds to be raised from picnics was \$300.00 and a total of \$311.37 was raised. The quota to be raised from small affairs was \$100.00 and a total of \$48.35 was raised. The quota to be raised from regular meetings was \$100.00 and a total of \$200.08 was raised. A total of \$100.00 was set as the quota to be raised from the Harvest Festival and a total of \$131.05 was raised. He also mentioned a quota of \$25.00 to be raised from 'direct' and a total of \$9.00 was raised. He did not describe just what 'direct' was.

[REDACTED] then reported on the PW State Drive. He stated that the state of Washington raised \$11,300.00 last year for the PW and the quota for the state for this year is \$14,000.00. Of this Pierce County has a quota of \$1200.00 and with the \$200.00 estimated expense to raise this money, Pierce County has a goal of \$1,400.00. He stated that the quota for the Trade Union Club for this year will be \$700.00. It is estimated that the county can probably raise \$300.00 from picnics, \$200.00 from meetings, and \$75.00 from small affairs. He also reported that the western states area raised \$109,000.00 last year and the quota for this area for 1961 is set at \$131,000.00.

[REDACTED] then gave a report on legislative matters, telling of the visit to the legislature last Wednesday, February 1, 1961. He stated that there was a good turnout of

"colored people for the hearing on open housing and there were also groups of college students there. He also stated that there was a large number of real estate people there stating that 'You could smell them all over the place'. He reported that [REDACTED] from the University of Washington spoke about his troubles in obtaining adequate housing in Seattle. [REDACTED] said that he would let the group know when it was necessary to go down again to visit the legislature.

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Following the report on legislation, the group decided to vote on acceptance of the quotas set for the club in Pierce County for the PW fund drive and for Party funds. [REDACTED] interrupted stating that he had not had a chance for any discussion of the quotas. No one present seemed to appreciate his delaying the meeting and he then said that he just wanted to be sure if the youth group will be helping in raising the funds to meet the quota. [REDACTED] told him that of course the youth group would do their part so [REDACTED] then made a motion to accept the quotas as outlined and everyone voted in favor.

The next business was voting on officers for the club for the coming year. [REDACTED] had been nominated for the position of Chairman and [REDACTED] was elected with four votes out of the six votes cast. The voting was done by written ballots which were passed to [REDACTED] who opened and read them.

The group then voted on the office of Organizational Secretary. [REDACTED] had been nominated at the last meeting and the vote was six for [REDACTED] and none for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] commented that she was glad the vote had gone the way it had as she did not feel that [REDACTED] was well enough at the present time to handle the job.

Copies of a petition were distributed to those present which is entitled 'Petition for an Equitable Tax Program' which is printed on paper of the Washington State Federation of Teachers. These petitions were brought to the meeting by [REDACTED]

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"It was announced that there will be a section or county conference on the PW this coming Saturday, February 11, starting at 2:00. The conference will run through the afternoon and there will be a dinner at 6:00 and then further meeting after dinner. [REDACTED] will be the speaker after dinner and it was mentioned that they want [REDACTED] to be Chairman of the conference. It was also mentioned that the Party would like to have [REDACTED] take the job of county literature director, a job which involves visiting the CP Clubs and handling of literature generally. At this conference delegates will be selected to go to the state PW conference which will be coming up soon. [REDACTED] stated that 100 people are expected at the conference Saturday as 100 invitations have been mailed out and these did not include people who are in the clubs or who could be advised of the conference orally.

[REDACTED] mentioned the new bookstore in Seattle which is run by a committee but [REDACTED] does most of the work in running it. The money raised this Saturday will count toward the quota of the new PW fund drive.

[REDACTED] announced that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN will be here about the 15th or 20th of February. She is not too well at the present time and so not too many speeches are scheduled for her. It is thought that the Southwest District and Pierce District will hold a combined meeting either in Tacoma or in the Southwest District, and will share expenses and divide the receipts.

[REDACTED] reported concerning the conference of the eighty-one Communist countries and stated that KHRUSHCHEV had said there that the next ten years will see the biggest change we have ever seen on the earth. The United States Communist Party was mentioned in this conference and it was stated that membership is on the increase and the U. S. CP is receiving more and favorable recognition. [REDACTED] also mentioned that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is now in Russia. He also stated that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN has been undergoing treatment by Russian doctors in Russia. They wanted her to remain there longer and to take off an additional

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"fifty pounds but she had indicated that she was needed very badly back in this country and so she returned.

[redacted] asked [redacted] if there was anything particular she needed to know to take over as Chairman of the club. [redacted] said that he would give her every help that he could but that he has been real busy in his new job.

[redacted] said that the County officers tried to meet one or two times a week but they were not often able to get together that often and sometimes they did not even meet every week. [redacted] stated that he would notify [redacted] when and where the meetings were to be as they came up.

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b7D [redacted] and [redacted] bought \$1.90 worth of literature after the meeting and [redacted] paid [redacted] for some books that he had bought at a previous meeting which the [redacted] had been unable to attend, a total of \$.95.

Everyone present contributed \$.25 for the refreshments, a regular practice at the meetings, which goes into a special fund to be available when a small contribution is needed from the club for some special purpose.

[redacted] tried to get [redacted] to turn over to her some money which he had gotten from the sale of literature stating that she would keep a separate record of it in her books, but [redacted] said that he would rather hang on to it.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted] could not be at the Pierce County PW Conference Saturday as they had been traveling around the state on the PW drive, and down into Oregon. They have already been in the Spokane area and in the SW District.

In discussing the Saturday conference, someone said there would be no point in picking up [redacted] who lives near the [redacted] as she is now confined to a wheel chair.

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b7c [redacted] made a comment to [redacted]
b7D about going to see [redacted] after looking at her financial records, but she did not go into detail as to the reason he should see [redacted]

There was a little discussion about the debate on television between Rev. BASS and Mrs. SHACKLEFORD, and Mrs. SHACKLEFORD was called a 'Fascist'. Someone said that she telephoned the University of Puget Sound about showing the film 'Operation Abolition' and the person she talked to there hung up on her stating that he or she did not wish to talk to have anything to do with a 'Fascist'."

b7c Recommended Action: Reopen [redacted] for S.I. consideration. Sources could furnish no further information and agent has taken all necessary action.

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██████████ made report -
Report on P.W. funds & FLYNN dinner. \$123.25 was taken in by dinner.
The dinner itself raised \$45 - auction & donations the rest. Some
of the donations were as follows

██████████ \$5 - ██████████ \$5 ██████████ 1.00 ██████████ \$1.00, ██████████ \$1.25,
██████████ \$5 & \$5. and others.

Expenses as follows

\$45 for hall \$10 deposit included

\$5.13 gift for G. FLYNN

7. credited from ██████████ on turkey

2.65 spent by ██████████

25.00 expenses allowed & given G. FLYNN

7.50 D.T. club for turkey

92.28 total expenses for meeting

Rundown on funds collected for drive

D.T. club - \$39.75 collected on donations

18.05 subs

53.00 meetings

18.00 last social

\$128.80

Quota for D.T. club \$5.75 - ($\$128 = 22\frac{1}{2}\%$ collected)

Trade Union Club -

\$46 collected

10 subs

55 meetings

\$101 total collected

Quota \$575 - ($\$101. = 20.7\%$)

Rural -

\$100 collected

20 subs

31.36 meetings

151.36 collected for drive

Quota \$250 ($\$151.36 = 65.4\%$)

Gross total on drive 371.11

Quota \$1400 - (29% collected)

Total expenses - 11.64 on first dinner

92.28 on FLYNN dinner

103.92 Total expenses

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"Total net turn in \$285.24 = 27.8% of Q
for first 3 weeks of drive.

Next event - lunch, book report social at [REDACTED] home April 1st.

Papers & pamphlets were passed out on the anti-communist films being shown & about unamerican committee activities. [REDACTED] said he only had 500 & they were for the entire state.

[REDACTED] said she & the rest of the adult youth group need lots of them as they were forming an 'Anti Facist' group.

5 central figures from each county like five from Seattle, 5 Tacoma, 5 Peninsula etc & they need the pamphlets to help demonstrate their points. Money is needed for mailing of them to approx 200 from Pierce Co. alone. Counting people who have written the News Tribune voicing sentiments against showing of the film.

Our clubs will donate funds for mailing. This youth group is also investigating how KTVW is connected with the Facist front & if its thro Boeings or Sand Point or where.

[REDACTED] spoke on

"We must be educated & alerted so as not to be caught napping because it looks very likely that we might have another visit in N.W. by the Un American Activities Committee & we must be prepared & ready to fight next time.

[REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the contact & registration card file & she hasn't worked on it. [REDACTED] said she must get busy on it as a report in full must soon be sent to New York & this must be finished.

[REDACTED] said we must be better organized for open meetings from now on because of the organized hecklers that showed up at the FLYNN meeting. He said he asked SHACKLFORD to leave & he was sure one of the young men had a wire recorder with him. He approximated around 90 people attended & said the reason they couldn't advertize in the Tribune because of the surprise notice that appeared in the Tribune sating FLYNNs relationship to the Com. Party.

[REDACTED] had quite a time with hecklers also but handled them beautifully they said -

Next county meeting will be at [REDACTED] home April 3rd - "

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Literature passed out at this meeting filed with report - "In Search of Trust" and copy of ad from Washington Post of 1/2/61.

Recommended Action: None. Source could furnish no further information and agent has taken all necessary action.

Mercer Island turned out ten masse last night to see a double bill showing of "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition." Teen-agers were particularly numerous in the overflow crowd that filled every seat and lined the walls of the Mercer Island High School auditorium. Five deputy sheriffs were stationed about the auditorium, but their services were never needed.

BEFORE THE SHOWING of the controversial films, Mrs. Virginia Shakelford of Tacoma spoke for 15 minutes on the value of the films and the dangers of Communism pointed out in the films.

Kenneth A. MacDonald, Seattle attorney who was given equal time, described the films as a "distortion of fact" and a piece of propaganda that shows the political beliefs of the sponsors rather than a true picture of a period of history.

There was no debate between the two speakers and there was no question-and-answer period. This was purposely done to avoid lengthy and heated debates between the rostrum and the spectators.

"COMMUNISM on the Map" comes out of the first chapter of the Blue Book of the John Birch Society—the most dangerous fascist organization in the United States," MacDonald charged. He was first to take the rostrum.

believe the riots were Communist-inspired," MacDonald said.

"During the riots the boys and girls sat down before police ever turned the hoses on them," the film does not show this," the attorney said.

is the same organization that called President Eisenhower a traitor and Allen Dulles a Communist," MacDonald added.

The message of discontent which the film sows is that you can't trust anyone," the attorney said.

The John Birch Society, founded in 1958, is named after a Baptist minister killed in China during the Second World War.

"OPERATION Abolition" takes parts of what occurred during three days of trouble in San Francisco during a hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee and places the incidents where they are most effective, MacDonald stated.

MacDonald said the students involved in the "San Francisco riots" were orderly, and were merely trying to get in to hear the testimony before the House committee.

Several instances of police brutality during the riots are not shown on the film, the speaker said.

"OF THE 64 students arrested, 63 have been acquitted by the courts, and the judge stated he did not

Bigliardi had no right to let him speak.

The spectator was ignored and the incident passed.

MRS. SHAKELFORD, following MacDonald to the platform, denied that the films are distorted.

"The scenes are not in sequence—they wander through three areas of thought," she said. "They cover three days of rioting in 45 minutes of film."

Mr. MacDonald should recall that the students in Hungary didn't face fire hoses—they faced guns and tanks.

The judge who tried the 63 students has said he did believe the riots were Communist-inspired.

"And of the 63 students, 39 are not newcomers to rioting—prior to and after the San Francisco event they have been involved in other demonstrations," Mrs. Shakelford added.

"I PREFER TO BELIEVE J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that they were inspired by the Communists."

Students have a right to picket but no right to enter public buildings and disrupt proceedings.

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As MacDonald sat down, a man approached the Rev. Matthew P. Bigliardi, moderator, and said he was a voluntary organizer for the John Birch Society.

The unidentified man said MacDonald had no right to criticize the society, and Mr.

"There was no police brutality."

"Since 1945 the Communists have conquered one billion people, a third of the world, without firing a single Russian soldier's gun," Mrs. Shakelford warned. "They have done it by infiltration."

"We must be fearful of Communists," she said, citing numerous instances in which former employees of the United States government have moved to and

are working in Communist countries.

THE PEOPLE of America have been misled to a certain extent by the Communists," she warned. "Americans must be ever vigilant."

"Educate your children, teach your children—urge your friends to read—and write your congressman your feelings on controversial issues," Mrs. Shakelford advised the audience.

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Controversial John Birch Society Formed Here; Four More Anti-Communist Cells Planned Soon

(For national stories of the John Birch Society, please turn to page A-12.)

By BOB MERRY

The controversial organization known as the John Birch Society has a chapter in Tacoma and may soon have several more.

Mrs. Edwards (Virginia) Shackelford, for several years one of Tacoma's most spirited anti-communist spokesmen, said:

"I certainly am a member of the John Birch Society and I'm very proud of it."

She said the anti-communist organization hopes to have four additional cells operating in Tacoma in the near future.

The John Birch Society, founded in December 1958 by a retired Massachusetts candy maker, Robert Welch, and named after an American missionary killed in China after World War II, has proliferated into scores of cells in 34 states. Its backers include members of Congress.

But others call it "authoritarian" and question its motives and methods. Opponents of the society say it holds a threat to democratic ideals.

A spokesman in the U.S. Justice Department last week admitted the John Birch Society has become a matter of concern to the government. Opponents were mainly angered over a charge made several years ago by Welch that President Eisenhower and others high in the government were communist dupes.

For all this, Mrs. Shackelford said:

"I think we must be doing a very good job, because they're hitting us so hard."

The Tacoma author, lecturer and radio commentator, whose home is at 1105 N. L. St., said:

"We welcome an investigation by the Congress. Not one of us will ever plead the Fifth Amendment and I'm sure every member would willingly, even joyfully, take a loyalty oath to the United States at any time."

Not Secret Is Claim

Mrs. Shackelford scoffs at the charge the Birch Society is "secret." "It's not even semi-secret," she said, and she named several other members of the Tacoma unit, all of whom, she said, "would be happy to proclaim their membership to the world."

Capt. John Algeo is chairman of the Tacoma group. His job is to collect dues and send them along to national headquarters. Dues are \$24 a year for men and \$12 a year for women. Opponents have also denounced the society because no public accounting of funds is made.

The chapter here meets once each month. Members sit around and talk and discuss the latest anti-communist books they've read.

Two day groups are planned, Mrs. Shackelford said, to take care of women who like to meet in the daytime.

Some Seek to Join

Meanwhile, however, on Mercer Island, the state's John Birch volunteer coordinator, P. C. Beezley, said publicly the organization has received in the past few weeks

calls from people who ask: "How can I join this thing?"

Asked if the society's organization in the state has been going according to plan, Beezley said there never was a blueprint for the society to follow.

"We only wanted to wake up as many people as we could as quickly as we could," he said. Beezley, a retired Seattle businessman, entered the John Birch picture in 1959.

Beezley said he has noticed a great change of climate since the showing of the two controversial films, "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map." He denied the society was directly connected with the production of the films, but he praised them both highly.

Promoted Film Showing

Algeo, a retired Navy captain, has personally promoted showing of the film-strip "Communism on the Map" in the Tacoma area.

Referring to attacks made upon the society by those who charge it is "un-American," Beezley said the society won't take time to quarrel with everyone who is against it.

"We're not going to oppose them—we're going to fight communism," he promised.

Said Mrs. Shackelford: "As to the authoritarianism accusation, Mr. Welch did say it would be run tightly from the top down. But we don't always agree."

For example, she said, one of the society's announced objectives is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. Mrs. Shackelford questioned this goal, saying

favours working "through Congress."

Beezley, too, defended the organization against charges of authoritarianism.

Says Not Authoritarian

"Authoritarianism would be a violation of everything we believe in," he said.

Mrs. Shackelford defined the aims and purposes of the society as a return to an original public form of government, continuing to the founding fathers, a return to personal responsibility in family life and political life.

Mrs. Shackelford said there are Birch cells (a term borrowed from the Communists) in the valley, in Bremerton, Kent and throughout the state.

Beezley said he doesn't know details of organizational work in Tacoma. "We're not as regimented as people would have us believe," he said. He declined to estimate the total number of members in the state.

The John Birch Society has been branded "militant," "right-wing," "ultraconservative." It has been called a "fascist organization." But, says Mrs. Shackelford, "Defends Society Further."

She said the society is an old label. Communism use to discredit anyone who is anti-communist.

"We're not militant in the sense that we're going to pick up arms and shoot people. But in the sense that the time has come for Americans to stand up and be counted. Since this has been in the past, we have more than many people who want to join."

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Young Demos Hear Tacoman On Birch Unit

By JOE RIGGIE

OLYMPIA, P. — A John Birch Society member said Saturday she could understand how the group's founder concluded former President Eisenhower was pro-Communist.

Appearing before a group of young Democrats, Mrs. Edward (Virginia) Shackelford of Tacoma said the last three presidents of the United States have known there were Communists in government and haven't done much about them.

"I can understand why," she said, "he (founder Robert Welch) could have come to that conclusion."

Mrs. Shackelford, however, did not say she agreed with Welch, a retired Massachusetts candy maker, about Eisenhower and the communist charge.

Outspoken advocate of the Tacoma women, an outspoken advocate of the controversial society, accused the past three presidents of permitting Communists to remain in government.

She said they probably did so either because they didn't know about them, got wrong information or didn't want to admit they were wrong.

Facing a generally hostile group at the Western Washington Young Democrats Regional Board meeting, Mrs. Shackelford spent more than two hours speaking and answering questions about the society's goals and methods.

Mrs. Shackelford denied the Birch Society was secret, pro-Fascist, anti-semitic, totalitarian. But she said it was authoritarian to prevent infiltration and destruction by Communists.

Defends founder
The speaker also defended founder Welch in his criticism of

democracy, contending that the United States is a Republic rather than a democracy.

Our founding fathers were suspicious of democracy, she said, because that is mob rule.

Only one young Democrat in the group rose to support the speaker. But many strongly questioned the methods of the Birch organization.

Young Democrat Dave McCourt, political science instructor at Everett Junior College, said the society's techniques tended to frighten people about communism.

"If you frighten people," McCourt said, "you produce irrational action."

Mrs. Shackelford replied that the society wanted to alert Americans to communism, not to push them into what she termed "hysterical outbreaks."

On techniques, the speaker said her approach was to question suspected left-wingers, but not to accuse them of being Communists because of libel laws and the threat of being sued.

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"Written March 20

"Dinner for ELIZABETH GURLEY - FLYNN at Hammond Organ Hall - Old Tacoma 3/17/61.

"The [REDACTED] arrived at around 6:30 with the gravey & cake.

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"Among those present were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The
[REDACTED] from Pacific City.

"After dinner a fairly large number of people arrived to hear Miss FLYNN speak, among them were several students. Also VIRGINIA SHACKEFORD was there for a short period of time.

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"GURLEY - FLYNN talked of her recent visit to European Socialist Countries. Romania was most talked about because she said more time was spent there.

"After the speech several people asked questions such as if America went Socialist what would happen to those people who were against socialism. And why was there a counter-revolution in Hungary. Not any of the people connected with the 'People's World' asked any questions.

"Before GURLEY FLYNN spoke there was the usual auction & them [REDACTED] paid tribute to 2 people that died just recently.

TOM RABBITT & J. FOX.

The money taken in was

6.35 literature
45.00 dinner
23.00 auction
20.00 [REDACTED] turned in [REDACTED]
5.00 (contribution) "
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"Sat. Mar. 18th 1961 at 1:30 P.M. on the advice of [REDACTED] called at the home of [REDACTED] for funds to buy literature for Pierce Co.

"Upon finding her away he proceeded to Seattle where he bought several books and pamphlets.

"Calling later that evening, finding her in, he showed her his selection, explaining he had called earlier. [REDACTED] complimented [REDACTED] on his selections, and showed him her method of keeping track of how much literature for the year. Last year she said they sold \$109.00 worth, and collected \$97.50 of the above. What was left over would go on this year's account. After paying him for his purchases, she gave him \$15.00 to have on hand for his next trip.

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"As [redacted] was leaving [redacted] came in and invited [redacted] over to his apartment for a sandwich and a beer.

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"While they were eating [redacted] came over, and they began to discuss the GURLEY FLYNN meeting, of the night before, as [redacted] had been unable to attend. [redacted] mentioned that Mrs. SHARPLEFORD was there and bought three pieces of literature, but was gone by the time he returned with his tape recorder. [redacted] told him, the reason she left, was because she was asked to. He said that a good portion of those present were local fascists, and was certain he saw a F.B.I. agent with a miniature tape recorder there. [redacted] wondered if the students who were present, had been sent by some one, or were there on their own. [redacted] said he thought came on their own, to test what they had learned in school. He went on to say, "in the future if we are going to continue these open meetings we're going to have to formulate a policy about who we ask out. To make certain no sincere person seeking information is mistaken for a disruptionist".

"As they continued to talk [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had read very much Marxism. [redacted] replied, "not since he was in his teens. [redacted] brought out a book containing the works of MARX, LENIN, and STALIN, and suggested he order one to study while awaiting for the latest hand book on "The Science of Marxism". He also lent [redacted] two books, "The World and Africa", by DU BOIS and "Jim Crow Guide to USA" by STETSON KENNEDY, to help him in his book report on "Decision in Africa", by W. ALPHABUS HUNTON. [redacted] thanked him and departed."

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None. Source could furnish no further information, and agent has taken all necessary action.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-2359) DATE: April 14, 1961
 FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c
 SUBJECT: PIERCE COUNTY CP INTERNAL SECURITY - C APPROVED _____

Source	Event	Rec'd	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	Trade Union CP Club Meeting.	4/5/61	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] 4/4/61			

Informants furnished following written report:

"Time April 4, 1961 8 - 11:30 P.M.
 Place [REDACTED] home
 Occassion T.U. Com. Club Meeting
 Those present - [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-2359
 cc: 100-12883 [REDACTED]
 100-3250 [REDACTED]
 100-15093 [REDACTED]
 100-16483 [REDACTED]
 100-15168 [REDACTED]
 100-2303 (Re D. C. Meeting)
 100-18577 (EDUCATION)
 100-19812 (P.W.)
 100-17605 (FUNDS)
 BELOW NOT PRESENT
 100-98 (TOM RABBITT)
 100-179 (W.P.U.)
 [REDACTED]
 100-24049 (COPE)
 100-18980 (LEGISLATIVE)
 100-24561 [REDACTED]
 65-1102 (SPOKANE)
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██████████ said he had had a committee meeting the night before so hadn't attended the county meeting. An educational period was held first still on the 81 Com. Conference. ██████████ argued with ██████████ & then with ██████████ after reading a chapter aloud. ██████████ contended the book stated a country first went Socialist & then progressed to Com. but that this couldn't be so as for example - China - most were illiterate & had to be led & educated into away of government after the revolution had changed the government. ██████████ said by Socialist the book meant only a well adopted way of working togetherism. The down trodden raising their backs at one time together against the feudal lords that for centuries had exploited them. Study period over so -

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"Next PW report

██████████ explained that \$250 must be raised by the county for the month of April to keep up the quota.

██████████ stated that a memorial meeting will be held Sat April 29th for RABBITT. All monies raised to be donated to the PW drive in RABBITT's name as a memorial to him. The family has asked this. The family owes approximately \$600 to pay off the house & other bills & a separate collection will be started for this. It is probable the pension Union will handle this part. At least its a new approach to P.W. drive.

"Something must be done towards a May Day celebration probably by the 6th of May. A speaker must be thought of.

██████████ won't be able on contacts with ██████████ because he has gone back to work. ██████████ said she would call ██████████ Wed. to let her know if she can go with ██████████ on contacts. ██████████ told ██████████ to let her know when the files were completed as ██████████ wants a complete list of them for her files to help her in assignments for members. ██████████ told ██████████ the file would be given her when they were ready.

██████████ said they couldn't go to the PW Conference in Seattle Sat. as they had other commitments. ██████████ asked by ██████████ to be at the Wash. hall early as someone was needed to spot people at

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the door to turn away the ones who were not known readers.
To protect against hecklers such as SHACKLEFORD etc.

"Next Trade Union

[REDACTED] gave an accounting of the construction part of the Union meeting he last attended & what they were aiming for. [REDACTED] told of his unions aims for new contracts. [REDACTED] spoke about the COPE conference coming up & his unions aims for conference.

[REDACTED] said Labor Lobbyists had a folder out on Report on Legislation & asked members to contact Unions to see if they could get a copy to study. [REDACTED] is to go to the teamster hall for one.

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"Org report. [REDACTED] paid his renewal of \$5 to [REDACTED] who turned it over to [REDACTED] for mailing. [REDACTED] paid \$10 R.F.F. also. Books & pamphlets were sold. \$4.10 was taken in on lit. & [REDACTED] charged 1.05 until next meeting.

[REDACTED] said the G. FLYNN Committee had raised \$162.25 but must raise approx \$100 more & that [REDACTED] had made a tape recording of her speech here & as there were some places like Spokane & others who hadn't heard her so the recording would be rented to them to raise the funds needed.

"The next meeting will be at [REDACTED]

Recommended Action: None. Sources could furnish no further information and agent has taken all necessary action.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-13217) DATE: 4/21/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Approved [Signature]

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[REDACTED] Meeting featuring 4/7/61 [REDACTED]
FLYNN, 2101 No.
30th St., Tacoma,
Wn., 3/17/61

Informant furnished following written report:

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cc: [REDACTED]

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100-15093
100-19565
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100-22215
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100-24561
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100-19553
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100-12883
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Event: ELIAZ BETH GURLEY FLYNN
Meeting
2101 No. 30th St. Tacoma, Wn.
March 17, 1961

Among those present at this meeting were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. SHACKELFORD
of Tacoma was there but left before the meeting started.

Mrs. FLYNN told of her recent visit to the Socialist Countries of Europe, spending considerable time telling about things in East Germany. She mentioned how modern and up to date they are in most of the Socialist countries and that they have free medicine, twenty-eight days of vacation each year and other advantages. She mentioned the Hungarian revolution, stating that it was started by the Fascists and not by the Russians.

[REDACTED] had his tape recorder there to record FLYNN's speech and someone else had one there too."

Literature passed out at the meeting is filed with report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None. Source could furnish no further information and agent has taken all necessary action.

Birch Society Not Fascist, YMBC Told

The controversial John Birch Society, a group of avowed anti-Communists, is not totalitarian, anti-labor, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic or Fascist, Mrs. Virginia Shackelford told members of the Young Men's Business Club at their noon meeting in the Winthrop Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Shackelford, who was introduced by Capt. John Algeo, said the society does not maintain that President Eisenhower is a card-carrying Communist. She said Robert Welch, a founder of the society, made some remarks in a letter that are not the official position of the society. These remarks, made in a private letter, have nothing to do with the society, she said.

Mrs. Shackelford said Welch

came to some conclusions that included "wondering why known Communists who were reported to the government in 1938 were not removed until 1953." She said Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower "didn't want to make excuses for their parties — and I mean both parties — and maybe that's why they didn't do more to get these people out."

Would Impeach Warren

She said that although the society's present goal nationally is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court, she personally does not believe it can be done, and besides, "four other justices have voted along with him." She said the Supreme Court made 12 decisions in 1956 and 1957 "that were widely hailed as victories for the Communists." Mrs. Shackelford said she favors "plugging the loopholes in the Smith Act" and other legislation to try to impeach Warren.

In answer to a question from the floor, Mrs. Shackelford said the society does not take in anyone except by invitation, and that he must be vouched for by two or three members.

"Thanks to the attentions of the press," she said, "we have had a great number of inquiries from people who want to join. In fact, we are setting up five new chapters in Tacoma." Later, Mrs. Shackelford said the society has approximately 100 members here. She said she did not know how many Communists there are in Tacoma. "Whenever we get information on anyone who is a Communist, we turn it over to the FBI," she said.

No Veteran Tieup

Answering another question, she said the society's finances are audited each year, and that the audit is available to any member who wishes to send for it. "Personally, I trust Mrs. Welch and if the time comes when I don't then I'll quit," she said.

She said the society has no tie-up with any veterans' organization.

The society takes no official position on Edward R. Murrow, head of the United States Information Agency, she said, but she said she personally "can show that he has slanted and distorted the truth."

Mrs. Shackelford said it is all right for communism to be taught in Tacoma's schools if the right teachers are doing the job. "I know three or four teachers. I wouldn't want teaching my children anything I know others who could do a bang-up job."

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CAPT. JOHN BIRCH
 To the Editor: I find it most interesting that those who are so scandalized that anyone might impute pro-communism to a few are not the least bit scandalized that anyone impute pro-fascism to many and who themselves indulge in vilification of the worst kind without one shred of proof. Your editorial comparing John

Birch with Horst Wessel, a man who did well with shady associates and John Brown who gave the appearance of being unbalanced, is certainly this kind of vilification.

No one ever claimed that John Birch was the greatest hero in WWII and naming our organization in his memory was not to glorify him beyond his deserts but only to remember a fine, young patriot who wore the American Army uniform with distinction and consecration until his brutal murder by Chinese Communists 10 days after the war was over.

Although he was shot, bayoneted, and left to die, the War Department claimed that Captain Birch was killed by a stray bullet. The truth was known throughout China to the advantage of the Communists in having their contempt for America and their lack of fear of any American reprisals widely known. Mao Tse-tung finally offered an insolent tongue-in-cheek apology by saying that the Communist troops had believed that Captain Birch and the other Americans in his party were "Japanese" in disguise.

As to Captain Birch's war record, he received two Legion of Merit awards with eight commendations from General Stillwell and General Wedemeyer. He helped Col. James Doolittle safely out of China and was instrumental in rounding up and saving a number of the other men from the famous raid.

He set up an effective rescue system for American pilots shot down behind Japanese lines and according to Col. Wilfred Smith was responsible for saving at least 50 pilots. General Chennault said that about 90 per cent of his downed flyers had been saved by Birch's rescue arrangements, the highest percentage in any war theater. In one message sent to Birch, General Chennault said, "Your successes will play an important part in finally driving the Japanese from China."

VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD
 1105 N. L.

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[REDACTED]	Miscellaneous Activity, 4/6/61	4/7/61	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got together last night at [REDACTED] place to discuss events which happened during the previous week while [REDACTED] was in Yakima. [REDACTED] said there had been one business meeting of the Tacoma Young Adult group and two steering committee meetings. He said that there are plans to go to Wenatchee in the near future to start a young adult or youth group there. He also mentioned that there will be continued emphasis on the fight against the Fascists. Efforts will be made to learn the tie-in between the American Legion, Boeing Airplane Co. and TV Channel 13 and [REDACTED]. He said the Mrs. SHACKELFORD, one of these Fascists has openly admitted being a member of the Fascist group, the John Birch Society. He added that Washington, New York and another state where the youth groups are the strongest are the states being hardest hit by these Fascist groups.

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cc: [REDACTED]

100-24561 [REDACTED]

100-18979 (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) [REDACTED]

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b7c [REDACTED] said that the Peace March in Seattle had a
b7d good turn-out and was very successful. There was no trouble
or opposition and a great many flyers were passed out."

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None. Source could furnish no further
information and agent has taken all necessary action.

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TO : SAC SEATTLE

DATE: 5/22/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD *Info.*
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On May 19, 1961, girl from Bellingham Chamber of Commerce phoned to inquire if we had "anything on VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD of Tacoma". She was advised our files were not available. She then stated they had received a call from a Navy Officer at Whidbey Island advising that Shackelford was speaking in Bellingham Monday night (probably 5/22) and asking if the Chamber of Commerce had any info on it. When they had none they decided to call FBI. She had no info as to whether this was a legitimate or security matter or what it pertained to.

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ACHMENT GROUNDS

the Editor: Your vicious
 sing again. You assault the
 Birch Society and what you
 vicious rantings are these
 they have the temerity to even
 suggest that there might be
 grounds for impeaching Warren.
 You certainly give the idea that
 no one else has ever uttered
 such criticisms before.
 I can remember when Demo-
 crats wanted to impeach Eisen-
 hower, and when Republicans
 wanted to impeach Truman. And
 speaking of leading ignorant
 people into disrespect for our in-
 stitutions which maintain liberty
 under law, have you re-read
 the remarks made about the Su-
 preme Court by President Roose-
 velt in the 30's?
 Our founding fathers were not
 horrified at the idea that some-
 one in high place might have to
 be impeached. Since they pro-
 vided the means in the Constitu-
 tion. Samuel Chase, signer of the
 Declaration of Independence, and
 appointed to the Supreme Court
 by George Washington, was im-
 peached by the House at the de-
 mand of Thomas Jefferson, but
 the impeachment was not sus-
 tained by the Senate. The rea-
 son for having wrong ideas
 is because at times political trad-
 ing shuttles an incompetent man
 into the second most exalted posi-
 tion in the world. It does not au-
 tomatically endow that man with
 great wisdom and dignity or
 even common sense.
 In 1957, the Senate Judiciary
 Subcommittee, both Republicans
 and Democrats, wrote of the
 Warren Court: "The net of all
 these decisions has been comfort
 for Communists and criminals,
 frustration for law enforcement
 officials, serious interference with
 Congress, self-inflicting function,
 and the destruction of all efforts
 of the American people to protect
 themselves against subversion at
 home through their state govern-
 ments."
 I personally believe in support-
 ing legislation to plug the looph-
 les made by past court deci-
 sions and to raise the qualifica-
 tions for future justices.
 However, the future may be
 amusing. The court has made
 five recent decisions unfavorable
 to the Communist cause. We
 may yet witness the spectacle
 of pseudo-liberals wanting
 to impeach Justice Frankfurter.
 VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD
 1405 N. L.

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]
RE: "PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS
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[REDACTED] on OCT 20 1961 furnished to SA [REDACTED] the new "People's World" (PW) subscription, as reflected above. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office. b7C

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is in a position to furnish up-to-date information on the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that current subscription information is available to the FBI would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore, it is requested that current interviews and investigation of subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below the mailing address has the following significance: The date indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly subscription, and a "6" indicates a six-months subscription. The "WE" indicates a week-end subscription, which applies in all cases now that the paper is only published weekly. A "C" designates charter subscriptions; an "LTS" designates life-time subscription, and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means that the subscription is complementary.

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Right-Wing Topic For UW Debate

The Pros and Cons of the New Right Wing in Action will be debated at 8 p.m. to night in the University of Washington Health Sciences Auditorium.

The debaters will be Dr. Alex Gottfried, UW professor of political science, and Mrs. Virginia Shackleford, Tacoma housewife.

The debate is sponsored by the UW New Conservative

DR. GOTTFRIED is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union and author of an article, "The Right Wing in Action," recently printed in The Nation.

Mrs. Shackleford, a conservative, has been studying communism in relation to political affairs since she was 14 and is an authority on the subject.

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Birch Society Attacked In Right-Wing Debate

By ROSS HENDRICKS

The John Birch Society and other members of the radical right are, in short, people who reject our political system almost totally. Dr. Alex Gottfried, assistant professor of political science, said in a debate with Mrs. Virginia Shackelford of Tacoma Tuesday night.

The debate, sponsored by the New Conservatives at the University, was held at the Health Science Auditorium.

The auditorium was jammed with late comers sitting in the aisle and standing in the back. Most of those in the audience were non-campus people.

"I am a member of the John Birch Society—which means that I am fighting communism," said Mrs. Shackelford, representing the Birchers.

The audience, composed primarily of adults, hissed, booed, clapped intermittently.

"I think that there was a large number of John Birchers in the audience whose questions and childish actions really showed me the fear, ignorance and distrust they carry in their oversimplified doctrine," Penny Safranek, political science student, said after the debate.

Mrs. Shackelford began her remarks by telling people what books they should read, and ended with the comment that she merely wants to fight communism. She described the central problem of our country and the world as "collectivism vs. individualism."

"Collectivism includes communism, socialism, liberalism and fascism, and because our country has degenerated into collectivism, that is why I say our constitution has been undermined," said Mrs. Shackelford in the first part of the debate.

Dr. Gottfried attacked the "radical right" for giving simple answers to complex problems, refusing to accept their opponents as patriotic Americans.

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jecting our political system almost totally and tending to reject most all social, economic, and political programs which both conservative and liberal people support.

To these people liberalism equals socialism, which equals communism, which equals evil," said Gottfried in describing the attitudes of the radical right.

A great variety of topics were argued during the question and answer period.

Mrs. Shackelford pointed out that she is against the American Civil Liberties Union, feels that "we have the right to evaluate when people hide under the fifth amendment."

"I favor large corporations. I feel that monopolies balance themselves out... for example if there was a monopoly in coal and one in electricity they balance themselves out."

Communism was the main issue of the debate which was supposed to be on the "Pros and Cons of the New Right Wing Action."

Dr. Gottfried bitterly complained "my opponent is not discussing the issues of the debate and has not answered a question yet tonight."

When asked of the goals and purposes of the John Birch Society, Mrs. Shackelford replied:

"The move is primarily anti-communist... which means

against all forms of communism. The communists say they are going to conquer the world and I believe they mean what they say. To be a communist you must first be a socialist. Ask any communist they themselves admit they're socialist."

The audience had a chance to ask questions at the finale of the debate. Numerous adults and students directed questions to either of the two debaters.

As one voted to ask a question, the room and stage were interrupted with boos, cheering, comments, and a host of other speech... had been cut off down to sit down.

One of these victims of the question period, John H. Gray, a law student at the University, commented on the debate.

"I think that one must bear in mind that human actions, such as name-dropping, are justified by the means and not to get enemy tactics who have very human consequences. When they are called 'communists' and the charge is unfounded."

Red Probe Defended

Backing her position with evidence from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and federal government documents, Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, Tacoma lecturer, endorsed the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) in an address yesterday at Pacific Lutheran University.

Mrs. Shackelford maintained Dr. Giovanni Costigan was wrong on all counts in his lecture at PLU's student convocation last week when he condemned the HUAC. Commenting on the University of Washington history professor, Mrs. Shackelford said, "I would not label him a Communist. I would say he is not well informed."

The speaker stated that the HUAC is not set up as a court of law but is pursuing a legislative mandate to investigate and obtain information. "Other committees (such as Kefauver's) are not assailed, but the HUAC has become a target for much criticism," she said. Yet they operate on the same principle, she maintained.

"I prefer to take the word of J. Edgar Hoover (FBI chief), who commends the HUAC for its contributions," she said. The speaker cited several instances of Communists in government about whom the FBI had warned the authorities and about whom nothing had been done.

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Red Leader Will Speak In Tacoma

Communists have recruited Gus Hall, 51, a Communist Party member for 35 years, will speak first on "The Position of the Communist Party in the United States." He will be followed by Mrs. Shackleford and then by the CLU representative, who has not been named yet. Questions from the floor will be answered afterward. Mr. Bridges said the moderator has not yet been named. Meanwhile, student groups at five Oregon colleges have made plans, among growing controversy, to hear Hall, the Associated Press reports. The presidents of the University of Oregon and Portland State College were the latest to announce permission for Hall to speak at their schools. They followed Reed College, Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

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Tacoma, Washington, contacted the writer. [REDACTED] stated that he did not have a complaint of a matter which might be specifically within the jurisdiction of the FBI, but he has a real concern for a trend which he has observed in Tacoma during the year he has been there which concerns him greatly.

An attempt to summarize some of the things that [REDACTED] had to say will be made. He stated that he is a "liberal" and studied [REDACTED] at the University of Chicago. His feelings in opposition to the methods and philosophy of the Communist movement are as strong as those of any patriotic American. He served in the United States Army and for a time served at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] where he was required to have a secret clearance.

[REDACTED] stated that he went through a very unfortunate experience in Phoenix, Arizona, where he previously had a very large and substantial [REDACTED]. He stated that as a liberal he has become increasingly concerned with the threat to democracy and to our freedoms of the extreme right groups who, while attacking the Communists, have gone far beyond this and as for instance in Phoenix attacked the mental health program and other areas not related to the Communist danger. He stated that he personally is strongly resentful when one of the anti-Communist lecturers comes to town and denounces those who will not agree with them completely and condemn all the things which they condemn in so many instances without reference to the true facts. [REDACTED] stated that in Phoenix he was on a mental health board which was making very

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excellent progress in promoting a program of making psychiatric help available to that large segment of the population needing it when the entire work of the board was destroyed by some of these anti-Communists who somehow found a Communist influence or connection and attacked the program.

[redacted] related a lengthy story wherein he got in trouble in connection with the film "Operation Abolition," the gist of which was to the effect that he approved the showing of the film as part of the church youth program when plans were made a year in advance for various church adult and youth activities. Without being consulted and without his knowledge, outside churches and groups were invited, a situation contrary to his desire as he felt after learning the name and the nature of the film it should be permitted to be seen only by the church youth group so that they could evaluate and discuss it and form their own conclusions from the first hand experience of seeing the film. When he tried to turn away adults who had not been invited and other outsiders, some muttered that he "must be a Communist."

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[redacted] went on to state that he does not wish to be an alarmist but he feels that a similar situation is developing in Tacoma as to that which occurred in Phoenix. He stated he thinks this exemplified by the recent appearance of VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD before the Tacoma School Board where she attacked a certain psychological test she alleged had been sued by the schools and at the same time was attacking the entire intelligence and aptitude testing program of the school system. He stated this is just the type of irresponsible and extreme activity in which these extreme right groups indulge, in this case to the detriment of a very necessary testing program in the school systems. He stated that as a result of this hearing, a group of psychologists and psychiatrists in Tacoma have asked him to speak before them at an early date to relate his experiences at the hands of these right groups in Phoenix. He stated that probably as [redacted] he should remain quiet but his conscience will not permit him not to speak out against these things which he opposes. He said this will be a small private meeting and he has been promised that the press will not be present. However, he has no real assurance that this talk by him may not lead to future personal attacks on him by the right groups as the Tacoma groups seem to be concentrating their efforts a great deal on mental health. [redacted] stated he has no desire to be a martyr and he has never injected

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politics into [REDACTED] However, he feels very strongly that truth and the rights of the individuals in [REDACTED] are so important that he must speak out.

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b7D [REDACTED] also stated that he would prefer not to remain in Tacoma but he has a daughter who has a serious health problem and for the present must be in a climate of the type in the Northwest and it happened that the only [REDACTED] available to him at the time he had to make his move was this present [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he is aware that the FBI can give him no advice and could take no action concerning the matters discussed by him above. However, he felt better in knowing that a representative of the FBI was aware of this danger which he feels to be very real.

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
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MRS E P SHACKELFORD
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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] furnished SA [REDACTED] the information that the above subscription to the "People's World" (PW) has expired and was not renewed. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office. The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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b7D [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is in a position to furnish up-to-date information on the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that current subscription information is available to the FBI would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore, it is requested that current interviews and investigation of subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below the mailing address has the following significance: The date indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly subscription, and a "6" indicates a 6-months subscription. The "WE" indicates a weekend subscription, which applies in all cases now that the paper is only published weekly. "C" designates charter subscribers; an "LTS" designates life-time subscription and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means that the subscription is complimentary. Bundle orders (two or more copies) have no indicated expiration date, and the subscription code number indicates the number of copies ordered.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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Rememo Buclerk [REDACTED] 10/23/62 concerning an item on a signboard of the Doughnut shop at 16th and So. Tacoma Ave. reported by [REDACTED]

On 11/8/62, VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD, 1195 No. L st., Tacoma, advised that this is the shop [REDACTED] called the House of Doughnuts. (It is noted that [REDACTED] has previously given the writer a complaint concerning Communist activities.) Mrs. SHACKELFORD advised that [REDACTED] has been active in the local JOHN BIRCH group of which she is a member but the members do not approve of actions such as the placing of such a sign. [REDACTED] has had other comments on his sign board which were timely and not in poor taste such as this. She added that

[REDACTED] has become involved with another group which tends to be more extreme than the JOHN BIRCH group and although he is not anti-semitic, in some areas of the country, anti-semitic elements have infiltrated and in some instances taken over. This is the "American Freedom Rally" group which recently had a meeting at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma, the proceedings of which were not objectionable.

Mrs. SHACKELFORD added that [REDACTED] parents living in [REDACTED] Wn. have dropped out of the Birch society and two friends of theirs have been asked to resign from the group because of their extreme attitudes.

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Former Lady of Lester Magical Act Active Leader Against Communism

By DON HANNULA
When you've been "sawed in half," the electric chair pierced with saw blades, penetrated with spikes and had an 8-foot boa constrictor as your first pet, you're ready for the battle against, or for, any cause.

This is the little-known background of Mrs. Edward (Virginia) Shackelford, outspoken anti-Communist, radio commentator and lecturer, ultra-conservative and self-acknowledged member of the controversial right-wing John Birch Society.

Before Virginia Shackelford was known for her conservative views, she was "The Girl In The Box" — daughter of "The Great Lester," a famed magician and slack wire walker of the vaudeville and circus era.

Debut As Baby

She made her stage debut at the ripe old age of six months as "Baby New Year" in a vaudeville skit with her parents. At the age of two, she was a permanent part of her parents' act with the Haggenback-Wallace Circus.

An early retirement — at the age of six — was in store. However, after a seven-year layoff which included schooling in Tacoma, she rejoined her father's traveling act at the age of 13.

Mrs. Shackelford remembers as a child that her first pets were a boa constrictor and a baby elephant. As she grew, she became a more important part of the magical act of her father and stepmother.

The man who was born Lester McDonald and is still performing at big state fairs at the age of 67 as "The Great Lester" used his daughter as half of the girl he sawed in two as part of his act.

In her teens, Virginia Lester (her stage name) served as the feet of the girl who was sawed in half. A little sleight of hand, some split-second timing, a box with a shallow false bottom, and two girls were needed for the death-defying stunt.

The simple trick, still done today, was performed by placing a

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"THE GIRL IN THE BOX" — Mrs. Edward (Virginia) Shackelford, well-known Tacoma ultra-conservative and outspoken anti-Communist lecturer and radio commentator, thumbs through a scrapbook recalling the days when she was "sawed" in half as part of her father's vaudeville magic act. The small scrapbook, a clip from Life Magazine, shows her father, "The Great Lester," preparing to shove a ripping buzz saw through one of his stage "victims." — News Tribune Staff Photo.

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Act Member Wages Fight On Communism

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prone girl in a box with her feet sticking out one end and her head out the other. As the box was spun around, out popped the feet of one girl who was concealed in a shallow false bottom in the box while the first girl tucked up into a neat ball.

Back and forth went the cross-cut saw. Strong women and frail men winched. It was always a thriller. For even more mystery, the two parts of the box were pulled apart. Then back together. A tap of a wand—and up popped a whole girl.

There was always one left tucked in the shallow false bottom of one half of the box. That was Virginia. She could hardly hear the applause.

Once my father forgot about me," she recalled. "I was left in that box for almost 45 minutes until Susy the Gorilla trainer heard me."

Slack Wire Master

"Lester the Great" was the master of the slack wire—a skill considerably more difficult than walking a tight wire. But sawing women in half gained him this most famed life. Magazines once did a two-page picture spread on "Lester the Great" cutting through a woman with a savage-looking buzz saw. There was no box covering the woman. It stirred the imagination of the public.

Trade Secret

"That one is a trade secret," Mrs. Shackelford confided, falling back on an unwritten code of show business ethics.

Vaudeville magic acts in the early days usually wound up like a "Perils of Pauline" script. Along with the sawing in half of women, there were realistic electrocutions, hangings, sword piercings, spike landings, and a little head-chopping with a guillotine. It was bone-chilling stuff. The victims usually were a lined for realism.

"I saw a tough old Army sergeant faint once during my father's buzz saw act," Mrs. Shackelford recalled.

She was the victim in every act but the hanging scene. That was reserved for her stepmother. It was a trying life, often with shows every night of the week, but it was an interesting one. Mrs. Shackelford appeared on stage with such acts as Burns and Allen, the Marx Brothers, Al Tolson and more.

Every time she left the act to pursue an education, her father would need her talents and call her back. Because of this she was only a few credits short but never finished high school. Hers was a life of self-education. She said:

"My father was a brilliant man. He made us read all the time. Then we would sit around and discuss. He always taught us to be careful and analyze everything.

"In the late '20s and early '30s I first heard about communism in Greenwich Village. I began to study Marx and Lenin. I saw so many show people blindly accepting it."

Leaves Act

Mrs. Shackelford, now the mother of three children, left her father's act when she married, feeling it was no life for her children.

She continued to read and analyze, but her active interest in fighting communism did not come until about 1955 when she wrote several letters to the editor of The News Tribune regarding the famed Schuddakopf case.

Mrs. Margaret Jean Schuddakopf was fired as a Tacoma school counselor that year after she had taken the Fifth Amendment on questions regarding communism during a congressional hearing in Seattle.

active leader of the anti-communists. She wrote letters and asked me to speak on the fight against communism," Mrs. Shackelford said.

Since that time she has become an active lecturer on the subject, won the state American Legion citation for Americanism in 1956 and the Tacoma Pierce County Americanization Council's Good Citizenship Award in 1961. She unsuccessfully ran for state representative in 1956 on the Constitution Party ticket.

Her conservative views and anti-communist feelings are well known through her radio program. Despite a demand for much rest (she has been in a sanitarium twice for tuberculosis), she has been active in her battle.

When Gus Hall, the Communist Party's No. 1 man in America, came to Tacoma to speak, she was scheduled to present the other side of the issue. But Tacoma had no hall for Communist Gus Hall.

When the controversial John Birch Society jumped into the news she was the first in Tacoma to acknowledge she was a member of the controversial group.

"Repeat: When you've been 'sawed' in half, 'electrocuted,' 'pierced' with swords, 'penetrated' with pikes and had an eight-foot box constrictor as your first step, you're ready to do battle against, or for any cause."

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Woman Quits Birchers On Jewish Issue

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, a Tacoma housewife who has stood on many a rostrum to lambast Communism, has parted company with the John Birch Society.

The foe of all things that touch on Communism gave up her three-year membership, protesting that some members protesting that some members have been distributing anti-Semitic literature.

Mrs. Shackelford, speaker in Washington State, said her parting from the John Birch Society was mutually agreed upon.

"My membership was also revoked by the national headquarters in Belmont, Mass.," Mrs. Shackelford said.

THREE OF the five units in Tacoma, representing about 30 members, have dissolved within the past two months over the same issue, Mrs. Shackelford declared.

Mrs. Shackelford said she and the others left the society over the distribution of anti-Semitic literature (primarily in the Kent area) and the failure of the national organization to order the practice halted.

But Mrs. Shackelford is not disillusioned with the society and still believes in its ideals.

"Although I still agree with the fundamental philosophy of Robert Welch and the Birch Society, unfortunately an influence crept in recently which I felt to be detrimental to the society and contrary to what I believed was national policy," Mrs. Shackelford said.

"I SINCERELY hope that for the benefit of the society and, particularly for all the fine, sincere people who are members, this matter may soon be rectified."

For ten years Mrs. Shackelford has headed a Tacoma study club, in which she and others who have recently quit the society will concentrate their efforts, she said.

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Virginia Shackelford Out of Birch Society

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, one of the most outspoken and prominent members of the John Birch Society in the Pacific Northwest, has been drummed out of the ultra-conservative organization.

The break, she said today, results from a personal objection she raised with national headquarters over the distribution of anti-Semitic literature by several members in the Kent area.

Mrs. Shackelford said her dispute with national headquarters started with a letter she wrote six months ago to Robert Welch, the society's founder, protesting the pamphlets and other material of anti-Semitic nature. In her letter, she said, Mrs. Shackelford requested that other persons in question be asked to resign.

Last Friday she said she received a letter from national headquarters in Belmont, Mass., telling her that her membership had been revoked.

"They apparently read into my letter, and I am a Jew," Mrs. Shackelford said. "The News Tribune had not intended that at all. Anyway, the break is mutual."

Against Hatred
Mrs. Shackelford said she has long taken a stand against movements promoting racial hatred. She emphasized that Welch, in a circular to members last month, warned about the same thing. "I told them in the letter, I thought it was a matter of national policy—opposing those who

promote anti-Semitism," she said. "We had been warned we should not have members who support this type of literature."

Her break can be regarded a serious blow to the health of the John Birch movement in this region, Mrs. Shackelford agreed that such an interpretation is a fair one. She said many of the society's members joined because of her identification with it.

"I know that many others are resigning or thinking of doing so because of what's happened," she said. "They're unhappy with the way things happened."

Recently three of the society's five chapters in this area were dissolved, indicating the movement already has begun to lose

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: NORTH CENTRAL SECTION CP
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"February 20, 1963

"Date: Tuesday, February 19, 1963

"Place: Home of [REDACTED]
Seattle, Washington.

"Event: University CP Club meeting.

"Those in Attendance: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not attend the meeting presumably because he was giving a speech at the Women's Dorm on the speakers ban. He was to arrive late, but did not appear at all. [REDACTED] was unable to attend because he was writing a paper for one of his classes.

"The agenda consisted of the following:

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"An introduction of [REDACTED] as a new member of the club, a report of District Committee meeting by [REDACTED] reports on the legislature consisting of open houses and civil defense, a report on the Young Democrats convention held two weeks previously, report on current activities of the Academic Freedom Committee or the Independent Caucus, report on student peace work, on University Young Democrats, the April conference, student left groups, recruits to the club, and an educational program for the club.

"The April conference, student left groups and the educationals were not discussed at the meeting. It is not known what type of conference is being referred to in the agenda.

[REDACTED] reported on the activities of the YM-YWCA race relations committee, which is working on an open housing legislation bill. She said that a petition is being passed at the University stressing house bill number 25. [REDACTED] said that several peace groups had gone down to the legislature Monday, February 18. He said that there were 40 women in the bus load and five students from the University. The five students were [REDACTED] did not go down on the bus, according to [REDACTED]

"No one at the club meeting had enough information on the Young Democrat's convention to make a report on it. It was not included in the agenda as a result. It is expected that a more detailed report on it will be made at the next club meeting.

[REDACTED] gave a report on Academic Freedom. He said that the petition campaign has been reactivated and a great number of signatures have been acquired in the last few days. He estimates that there are approximately 1200 signatures at present. He said that there is a debate planned between VIRGINIA SHACKELFORD and some liberal from the University campus, preferably a professor. [REDACTED] said that there has been some difficulty in find a professor willing to debate Mrs. SHACKELFORD. [REDACTED] also said that the campaign was a success already, because it had aroused so much interest and discussion around the issue of academic freedom.

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[REDACTED] reported that the Student Peace Union had had a meeting recently at which there were 35 people present. He said only about five of those present were members of the organized left. He commented that there was one girl in particular that he and [REDACTED] had talked to after the meeting. He commented that she looked more than promising. He said that the SPU (Student Peace Union) would have difficulty replacing its officers in the March election. There did not seem to be anyone on the left who is in a position to take the responsibility for it.

[REDACTED] gave a report on the last Young Democrats meeting on the University campus.

"Under the heading of recruits, [REDACTED] mentioned that he thought [REDACTED] wished to become a member of the party. [REDACTED] said that she had understood [REDACTED] to say that she would like to attend meetings of the Club before deciding to join. Because it was not possible to decide which was correct, consideration of [REDACTED] membership was postponed until further information could be obtained. It seemed to be assumed that participation in the meetings without actual membership would not be acceptable to the group. [REDACTED] were accepted as members of the club, and would be considered active members after the next club meeting. It was remarked that [REDACTED] would become a member of the club in the near future but temporarily he was unable to do so. [REDACTED] mentioned that he had already had his discussion with [REDACTED]

1 This comment came from the fact that [redacted] were presently discussing membership with [redacted] in aside to [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] name should come up before consideration. [redacted] shook his head quietly but did not remark on the subject.

b2 [redacted] said that [redacted] would be in Seattle at the beginning of May, for May Day, as [redacted] put it.

b7D [redacted] had acted as Chairman of the meeting, because [redacted] was unable to attend the meeting. [redacted] The next meeting was scheduled for [redacted] house, to be held in two weeks time."

1 ACTION: Recommend [redacted] and [redacted] for Security Index in view of induction into the CP. b7C

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To: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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From: SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: "PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS
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NEW SUBSCRIPTION

[REDACTED] on AUG 24 1964 furnished SA [REDACTED] b7c
the new "People's World" (PW) subscription, as reflected
above. No further record of this information is being retained
in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office.

The PW is a West Coast communist
newspaper published weekly in San
Francisco.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in
the past, is in a position to furnish up-to-date information on
the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact
that current subscription information is available to the FBI
would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore,
it is requested that current interviews and investigation of
subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below the
mailing address has the following significance: The date is the
expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly
subscription, and a "6" indicates a six-month subscription. The
"WE" indicates a weekend subscription, which applies in all cases
now that the paper is only published weekly. A "C" designates
charter subscriptions; an "LTS" designates life-time subscription
and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means the
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EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTION

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[REDACTED] on APR 15 1965 furnished SA [REDACTED] the information that the above subscription to the "People's World" (PW) has expired and was not renewed. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office. The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 4, 1969, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the writer and advised that [REDACTED] is a corporation of Radio Station KOOD in Lakewood, Washington, and is located at 10508 Steillacoom Boulevard, S.W., Tacoma, Washington, telephone JU8-1480.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised that several months ago [REDACTED] a radio program series [REDACTED] concerning an open line program whereby discussions would be had on the radio concerning current community topical discussions after which the radio listeners could telephonically contact the radio station and ask questions. [REDACTED] elaborated that during the period [REDACTED] was holding discussions in areas which were contrary to the radio station's policy for which [REDACTED] discussed with [REDACTED] whereas [REDACTED] continued in her discussions on the format contrary to the radio station policy, [REDACTED] terminated [REDACTED] As a result of this, [REDACTED] is undertaking a harrassing program against the employees of the radio station as well as advertisers and is currently forming a group to boycott the advertisers on [REDACTED] radio station.

[REDACTED] stated that he has heard of and met some of the associates of [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED] whose spellings were not known to him but could only provide the phonetic soundings. [REDACTED] stated that he has also met VIRGINIA SHACKLEFORD who he feels is associated with the Communist Party as well as he feels that [REDACTED] and the above named individuals also have leanings towards the CP.

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b7D [redacted] was contacting the FBI in order to see if an investigation could be conducted in an attempt to stop [redacted] from her harrassment program against the radio station. [redacted] was advised that based on the information he had provided it appeared to be no Federal violation which would enable the FBI to initiate an investigation in this matter but at his request a record of this conversation would be made. [redacted] was also advised that if any information came indicating a possible Federal violation he would be contacted immediately.

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Date Received Feb., 1961

From [redacted]
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By [redacted] SA
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IRON CURTAIN ON THE CAMPUS

The iron curtain of conformity over the majority of campuses in this country has long been accepted ---certainly by your editor---but it is shocking to run up against it personally for the first time.

There has been much written on this subject, including the excellent book, "Collectivism on the Campus" by Dr. E. Merrill Root, to show that indoctrination has taken the place of education on far too many campuses.

As you know, the picture "Operation Abolition" has been shown extensively throughout the entire country. It has really hurt the cause of Communism, which, of course, has brought forth a stream of vituperation against the picture.

Two commentaries on the picture---First, it shows the tactics of Communists against any ex-Communist testifying against the conspiracy. The entire demonstration which took place in the hearing room was in order to try to embarrass Barbara Hartle, who had been called to testify before the HUAC on the reorganization of the Communist Party in California.

Such former Communists are called "stool pigeons" and "informers" by the Communists, among other epithets.

In 1955, J. Edgar Hoover explained why ex-Communists are so important. He said: "In recent years, there has been a determined campaign designed to deprive law enforcement of the use of the time tested and valued confidential informant. This campaign of vituperation is part and parcel of Communist strategy to convert the courtroom into a forum to discredit the judicial processes. For the most part, the techniques of the smear has been devised by Communist lawyers, skilled in concealing foul and despicable acts behind the Fifth Amendment. They employ tactics which even the most unscrupulous underworld 'mouthpiece' would frown upon as improper."

"The inroads that Communist propaganda has made in influencing law-abiding Americans, who fail to realize that criminal conspiracies are conceived behind closed doors under the cover of darkness, are disheartening. It is through the efforts of confidential informants that we have been able to expose the Communist conspiracy in the past, and through them we must stake much of the future security of the United States. That is why

such a vicious and sustained attack has been made against former Communists who have firsthand knowledge of the secret, diabolical purposes of the Communist Party.

"Those now furthering the campaign of vituperation against witnesses say that the Communist menace is a myth created by those who testified against it. Therefore, to destroy the myth, they feel it is necessary to destroy the witnesses. They refuse to recognize the Communist enslavement of one third of the world's people and one fourth of the world's surface. These witnesses have been cross-examined in our courts, observed by judges and juries and they have been brought under the penetrating eye of the American press.

"The Communists, bent on weakening our American way of life, have now turned to enlist other individuals and groups to convey propaganda designed to discredit truth.

"It is through the 'pseudoliberal' that the Communist do some of their most destructive work. These fictitious liberals are the individuals who through insidiously slanted and sly propagandistic writings and reports oppose urgently needed internal-security measures conduct a one-sided campaign to discredit Government witnesses, present the menace of Communism as a myth of hysteria, urge that we tolerate the subversive acts of Communists because Communists are only 'nonconformists,' contend that the Communist Party is a 'political' movement and that it is improper to consider it a criminal conspiracy linked to a world conspiracy to overthrow our Government by force and violence.

"Constructive criticism and constant evaluation of methods, procedures, and accomplishments in an objective manner is the way to progress. But the eagerness of some to attack everyone and everything related to the exposure of the Communist conspiracy in this country is hardly the mark of the true liberal. Indeed, the true liberal is opposed to everything Communism represents, for the very nature of Communism is the antithesis of liberalism." His words are still true today.

FIFTH AMENDMENT

The second comment on the effect of the picture is that it exposes those who misuse the Fifth Amendment. Such people have every right to invoke the Fifth Amendment in order "not to incriminate them-

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selves."

For those of our readers who may not have covered some of the material on this subject, we present the following.

After following hundreds of hearings and the testimony of hundreds of witnesses, it is obvious that most of those who use the Amendment are very willing to testify frankly and honestly about everything except their Communist affiliations, acquaintances and activities. Invariably such witnesses are accompanied by lawyers who have appeared again and again at the hearings to caution their clients against answering any question about Communism, and urging them to invoke the Fifth Amendment, and refuse to answer on the ground that the question, if answered truthfully, might subject the witness to criminal prosecution.

The Communist Party has laid down a hard and fast directive to its membership. Party members are not permitted to acknowledge their Communist affiliations, as many of them would really prefer, because they would then invite a long series of probing questions about meetings, dues and other details the Party could not afford to have discussed. On the other hand, Party members are not permitted to deny Party membership because the committee might then produce undercover agents or former Party members to prove the witness a liar and thus lay the basis for a perjury conviction--which is a felony.

Invariably, where a witness appears with one of the lawyers who habitually handles such matters for the Communist Party, the witness invokes the F.A. and the committee possesses an extensive dossier showing that the witness has been active in a long array of Communist front organizations, has subscribed to various propaganda media, has associated with known Communists, and has generally aided and abetted the Party line and Communist cause.

There is a very sharp line of demarcation between this type of witness, and the type who has no dossier. This type is subpoenaed, not because of any suspicion of subversive activity, but because the committee desires to obtain the benefit of his testimony under oath. If he is accompanied by an attorney, which is rare, such lawyers are invariably found to have no record of affiliation with Communist causes, and neither the attorney or client exhibit animosity toward the committee and when asked whether or not he is a mem-

ber of the Party, the witness will answer, without being prompted by his lawyer--"No."

COMMISSION OF JURISTS

One of the most important declarations on this subject was delivered by a distinguished international commission of jurists who advised Secretary Trygve Lie concerning his duty to discharge from the UN employ any American who refused to testify before congressional committees.

When a witness invokes the Fifth Amendment, the commission wrote:

"In our opinion a person who invokes this privilege can only lawfully do so in circumstances where the privilege exists. If in reliance upon the privilege a person refuses to answer a question, he is only justified in doing so if he believes or is advised that in answering he would become a witness against himself. In other words, there can be no justification for claiming the privilege unless the person claiming the privilege believes or is advised that his answer would be evidence against himself of the commission of some criminal offense. It follows from this, in our opinion, that a person claiming this privilege cannot thereafter be heard to say that his answer, if it had been given, would not have been self-incriminatory. He is in the dilemma that either his answer would have been self-incriminatory or if not, he has invoked his constitutional privilege without just cause. As, in our opinion, he cannot be heard to allege the latter, he must by claiming the privilege be held to have admitted the former. Moreover, the exercise of this privilege creates so strong a suspicion of guilt that the fact of its exercise must be withheld from a jury in a criminal trial.

"It is clear also that, in addition to arousing a suspicion of guilt, the plea of privilege may well affect conditions of employment. The privilege is an absolute right and it is legal in the United States to assert it, but it does not follow that a witness claiming this privilege, whether he be a national of the United States or otherwise, suffers no ill consequences by the mere fact of his asserting the privilege."

CONCLUSIONS

The California Committee on Un-American Activities summed it up this way--"As we see it, only an idiot or an enthusiastic pro-Communist could regard anyone who immediately flees behind the Fifth

Amendment when questioned about Communist matters, who is invariably represented by fellow-traveling or Communist lawyers and whose dossier reflects a steady pattern of Communist activity over a period of years, without having suspicions aroused concerning the pro-Communist proclivities of the individual.

"And to this committee, it is a disgusting spectacle to see persons employed by state, county and municipal governments, as teachers or members of university faculties at the expense of the taxpayer, arrogantly refuse to state to a legislative committee whether or not they are Communists."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The hearings are now available. Write to the House Un-American Activities Committee, House Office Bldg., Washington 25, D.C.---ask for the reports of the San Francisco riots and the hearings.

DEBATE !!

On Tuesday, January 31st, the picture "Operation Abolition" will be shown on Channel 13, KTVW-TV, at 10:00P.M. The following night, Feb. 1st, same time--same station--there will be a debate on the merits of the picture. Defending the picture and the House Committee will be Captain John Algeo and ye old editor--Virginia Shackelford. Opposing us will be the right liberal Dr. Harold Bass and a member of his church, Robert C. Olsen. It should be interesting!

THE CASE OF THE CANCELLED DEBATE !

On Jan. 10th, after a showing of the picture and a talk at Sherman School PTA, I was approached by a Larry Stenberg, President of the Student Body at our local University of Puget Sound. He said that the picture was to be shown at UPS and asked if I would come for debate after the picture. Of course, I said I'd be delighted to come, and would be glad to answer any and all questions.

The next day, a Jim McBride called to arrange the debate. He asked if Feb. 16th would fit my schedule and the date was set. We discussed at length how much time would be allotted to each side, and also he asked if I had any suggestion as to whom he get to oppose me. I told him I'd let him know as to our opponents on the TV debate, which was in the process of being set up at the time. He gave me his mailing address and phone and asked me to let him know as soon as I found out. Then, he asked about obtaining the picture and I assured him we would bring it at no charge. He thanked me for my cooperation.

On Jan. 20th, when I knew our opponents for the TV debate, I left

word for Mr. McBride to call me. When he called on Monday morning, I began to tell him who he might be able to get for the debate, and he interrupted me and said that I had misunderstood---He has not asked me for a debate---only for the picture! I reminded him that we most certainly had discussed a debate---and at length---but he insisted that I had misunderstood---I had not even been considered for a debate. He said that the committee had decided unanimously to show the picture---and then have a professor comment!

He asked if they could still have the picture and I replied that I thought it would be a complete waste of time. If all they wanted to do was see it, they could see it on Jan. 31st on TV. He again insisted that they wanted to show it with the professor's comments.

Quite frankly---I would have had far more respect for the young man if he had said that they had reconsidered and decided not to have a debate---but thanks, all the same! But---when he tried to make it appear as a complete misunderstanding---I told him I felt very sorry for students who were not allowed to hear the truth and make their own decisions.

Who was responsible for the obvious pressure brought to bear? Nothing could be more fair than to have a debate---followed by a long and searching question period. Someone must be afraid that such a debate would be too enlightening.

Why---even such an outstanding liberal as Robert Hutchins wrote in a Look magazine article, March 9, 1954---"To omit one opinion is to offer tacit support to its opponent. If an issue is presented as though it were one---that is, as though there were only one side to it---this is not education; it is indoctrination."

HERE'S THAT "DRAFT ACT" AGAIN !

It is recognized by responsible citizens that there is a problem in mental health just as there is a problem in physical health, and the two are often inseparably connected. It is the desire and goal of all of us that the sufferers of mental illness as well as the sufferers of physical illness have available the very highest grade of care at a price they can afford to pay.

On the record, the voluntary rendition of medical care has given to the American people the

highest grade of care in the world, just as has the private enterprise system given those people the highest scale of living, and the two are inseparably connected. The problem of mental health is in no important particular different from the problem of physical health. The solution of this problem is not more government, nor more collectivism, but more emphasis upon individual responsibility, individual self reliance and individual respect. Particularly, those who are mentally ill must not be given into the hands of bureaucrats to dealt with as they please.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

In London, 1958, The International Congress on Mental Health formed the present World Mental Health Federation. One significant statement made at that meeting was—"Principles of mental health cannot be successfully furthered in any society unless there is progressive acceptance of the concept of world citizenship. World citizenship can be widely extended among all peoples through the applications of the principles of mental health."

In order to remold the world in their concept, they recommended legislation to be promoted in each country, "A Draft Act Governing the Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill."

As introduced in this country, the Draft Act is a skeleton or model bill designed for adoption by all states and territories and by the federal government. Particularly significant is the introduction in this Draft Act of a new and greatly broadened definition of mental illness resting upon what its proponents claim is a more humanitarian philosophy.

The Draft Act defines the mentally ill person as "one who is suffering with a psychiatric disease or other disease that substantially impairs his mental health." This could include, in addition to an individual presenting the symptoms of a recognized psychoses, almost any form of mental aberration or personality disturbance, including an individual who differs from the current political line of his community and insists upon his American right to express that difference of opinion publicly.

PIECE BY PIECE

In the state of Washington, the introduction of the Draft Act began in 1951 when the entire program regarding mentally ill persons was completely rewritten, and the act is called "Title 71 RCW."

The official explanation is: "Title 71 RCW is presently entitled

'Insane, Feeble-minded, Mentally Ill Persons, and Inebriates'. Since the adoption of RCW in 1951, in fact commencing with the 1951 session, the law on this subject has been extensively amended, to the point of this material in Title 72 which relates to state institutions." So it began in 1951.

Since then, there have been some 70 revisions. Two years ago, we successfully fought to have one particularly bad section amended.

Now, under the guise of providing better facilities and services for humanitarian reason, for the mentally ill, House Bill 99 would authorize this state to enter into a compact with all other states and territories in order to transfer any patient to any other state.

This would be done "upon clinical determinations indicating that the care and treatment of said patient would be facilitated or improved thereby."

Those responsible for making the decision would be the "medical or other appropriate clinical authorities." This is a misuse of the word "clinical"—who are clinical authorities, since the word "clinical" defines bedside or actual observation in treatment of patients by a physician as contrasted to theoretical or experimental treatment.

At the present time, the definition of "mental illness" is too broad, yet this bill broadens the definition even more. "Mental illness" shall mean mental disease to such extent that a person so afflicted requires care and treatment for his own welfare, or the welfare of others, or of the community."

However, sincere the proponents may be, this gives dangerous power to those who might want to misuse that power.

It is now in the Committee on State Institutions, Mrs. Kathryn Epton, Chairman. Write and ask that the bill be defeated. We will keep you posted.

NOTICE

Also—write to Senator Robert Greive, Capitol Bldg., Olympia, Wash. and give him support on two bills which will aid in the control of indecent literature on the stands. Senate Bill 149 and S.B. 48. He needs your letters!

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The captioned individual has advised that she is addressing a letter to you to question a paragraph in your book, "Masters of Deceit", specifically, on page 257 where reference is made to various Jewish organizations which have been a source of effective opposition to communism. She is of the opinion that only the American Jewish League Against Communism was worthy of being named in the book in this connection and will state her reasons in her letter.

Mrs. SHACKELFORD, who lives in Tacoma, Washington, became interested in the Communist menace during a long period of treatment and convalescence in a tuberculosis sanitarium and since her return home, has continued in an extensive study of the Communists and their methods. She has provided the Edward B. Rhodes post of the American Legion with information and source material on communism and is held in very high regard by members and leaders of that organization and other Legion posts. She is confined to her bed most of the time but goes out occasionally to give talks and to attend meetings which are pertinent to her dedication to a policy of enlightening the general public concerning the dangers of the communist conspiracy. Like many citizens who undertake such a task, her enthusiasm may take her too far occasionally, but she states that she strives to be objective. Although agents have had little contact with her, she does not give the impression of being a "nut", but on the contrary, appears to be a brilliant person and completely sincere. She has furnished some Security Matter - C complaints to this office.

The above is furnished so that you may have some knowledge of Mrs. SHACKELFORD's background upon receipt of her letter.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Having been your great admirer for many years, I hesitate now to voice even one word of criticism. However, believing that this is an important issue and in the spirit of constructive criticism, I should like to ask you about something which has disturbed many of us in reading "Master of Deceit". It is one of the finest books ever written on the subject and you have done a superb job in encompassing a tremendous subject within its pages. Therefore, it may seem mere carping to object to just one, small paragraph--but it seem to us to be a most important objection.

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For many years education has been based on the alleged democratic "life-adjustment" philosophy. The results of this approach have been the main basis for dissatisfaction. As an example, at a recent conference of high school principals held in Chicago, one speaker said: "It is high time we make the raw assumption that it is the mind of the student with which the school is most concerned and not with his adjustment with society." Until the taxpayers and parents are convinced that the proper emphasis will be placed on fundamental education, it is apparent that the millage may again be defeated.

We fully support the statement made by the Council for Basic Education, Washington, D.C. regarding the proper function of the school system;

"We hold that schools exist to provide the essential skills of language, numbers and orderly thought and to transmit in a reasoned pattern the intellectual, moral and aesthetic heritage of civilized man. . . . We urge educators to demand more of our children than is expected of them at the present. We would not return to the repressive regimentation of the 'old time schools' but neither do we countenance the all too frequent alternative of schools that are but glorified play-pens in which children are to be amused until they are old enough to walk to the platform for a diploma."

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We present the following suggestions after careful research based upon the opinions of nationally known educators and even more important, upon the opinions expressed by innumerable citizens of Tacoma from all walks of life. Although we realize the time is short, it is our sincere conviction that action taken on the following suggestions will aid the School Board and Administration to answer the

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"Our society needs minds that have been toughened and disciplined, furnished with a goodly number of the essential facts of a complex world, trained to think hard and straight. Schools that conceive their function as something less than or different from this are not preparing our children for the competition they will encounter in the market places and forums of the world. Schools that set their curricular demands in response merely to the whims and fleeting interests (or lack of interest) of the indiscriminating youngsters whom they should teach to discriminate, are letting us -- and our children -- down. Schools that are content to teach children to 'adjust' to the life that they should learn to approach critically and independently; schools that set their standards at the level of the interests and abilities of the mediocre or inferior pupils and promote the dullest and least industrious alongside superior pupils who have never been pushed to exert themselves -- these schools are selling society, and morality, and our children, short."

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It is not undemocratic, as has been charged, since true democracy is based on the encouragement of the full realization of each person's capabilities. The opportunity should be provided for those who can use it. It is undemocratic to provide less than the best for the entire student body.

As to the cost, students will be divided among the three high schools anyway and turning Stadium over to this plan would therefore require little extra cost. If the School Board feels that it is too costly, we would like to have the facts and figures made public immediately to allow a proper evaluation to be made by the public of the validity of any such contention.

II. In addition to the above plan, we feel that the curricula should be tightened generally, in order to benefit all students. This idea is exemplified by the philosophy of the Lane Technical High School in Chicago. Even in such a purely technical high school, the courses of study prepare each student for college if he so desires. They contend that:

"Children of average ability or less will also be called on to judge and vote and take a stand. It may take them longer to learn the lessons of history, science, and the other intellectual disciplines. They can only learn them within the limits of individual capacity. But within those limits, learn them they must for the sake of their own dignity and social responsibility. Both they and society are cheated and demeaned when they are encouraged to settle for a mechanical skill in an intellectual vacuum, the first time the going gets rough."

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E. Those on limited gym who are now required to attend gym class and do nothing should be allowed to choose another subject or attend a study hall.

III. The revised curricula of the State Office of Education should be implemented immediately. Recommended very highly as a supplement in reading for the early grades is "Phonetic Keys to Reading" published by the Economy Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It has been tested in many parts of the country and the results proven the method to be most effective. It is not designed to supplant the present system, but to be used as a supplement and the book is not costly.

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- B. No picture windows -- only waist high.
- C. Standard sized plumbing equipment.
- D. Regulation sized plywood.
- E. No custom made equipment.
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VII. We must beware of the plans that money, a lot more money will rectify the deficiencies of the school system. The proposed Federal Aid for Scholarships is entirely unnecessary. Every year many scholarships go begging for lack of takers. There are ample low-interest loans, payable on a long term basis, available for any student wishing to attend college.

If the government enters this field, it will inevitably tend to decrease the initiative of parents who purchase college endowment policies for their young ones. Federal Scholarships will decrease the endowments given by private industries. The old time philosophy, "Do the best you can today and trust God to take care of the future" has long since been changed to "Do the least you can today and trust the government to take care of your future." Government scholarships will encourage this attitude and will coddle the students who leave college because they cannot afford both a car and an education. Why should we provide a free education so that they can keep the cars?

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VIII. The problems of revising curricula, economizing, providing buildings, teachers, etc. are not easy. We do not believe that our proposals are the complete answers by any means. These are only presented as a basis for a start in the right direction. More money is not the answer. Less money is not the answer either. Only money wisely spent by emphasizing the essentials and eliminating the non-essentials will provide the education demanded by today's technical world.

The attitude toward what is essential must also change. For some thirty years, those who have controlled our educational system have had their way and have had ample time to prove their system. It has obviously failed according to the taxpayers who are in a mood to deny any further funds until some changes take place. Until we are willing to grant a primacy of intellectual training, more money will only buy more of the same product. Twice as many badly educated students is not the solution.

Since present educationists understand only the "child-centered" type of education, we must now call on the educators who, for many years, have warned of the drift toward mediocrity. Sputniks suddenly coalesced the growing criticisms of those who knew something was wrong, but not exactly what.

The first place to go for advice, of course, is the Office of Public Instruction, Mr. Lloyd Andrews, State Superintendent. However, the public must realize that Mr. Andrews can only advise. He needs full public support in order to bring about his plans for revising the school system. We also urge the school board to contact the Council for Basic Education, 208 Union Trust Building, Washington, D.C. This is a group of educators and others, all specialists in their line, who will undertake to organize a community wide survey and who will provide a firm, sensible plan for your consideration. In revising the school system, investigate the possibilities in their plan.

We have not intended this document as direct criticism of any member of the school board or of the administration. Much of what is wrong with our present school system happened long before they took over. We present it with the hope that it may help to rectify some of the main problems which have been the target of most of the criticism.

We also hope that all interested citizens who read this document will support any one or all of our proposals and that they will take the time and trouble to send their own suggestions to the School Board. After all the Board can only take action when it knows what you want. Make your wishes known and then support them.

Virginia Shackelford, President
Tacoma Study Club

Pearl Hughes, Vice President

TABLE I : CURRICULUM OUTLINE for a "Classical High School"

SUBJECT	GRADE:	NUMBER OF 45 MIN. CLASS PERIODS PER WEEK						% OF TOTAL CURRICULUM
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Engl. Literature & Composition		5	5	5	4	4	4	14%
Mathematics & Geometry		5	5	5	5	5	5	15.6%
Foreign Languages		4	4	4	3 + 3	3 + 3	3 + 3	15.6%
Physics incl. Laboratory Work		4	-	5	3	3	3	9.4%
Chemistry incl. Laboratory Work		-	4	-	3	3	3	6.8%
History		2	2	2	2	2	2	6.3%
Geography incl. Meteorology & Geology		2	2	2	2	2	2	6.3%
Natural History		2	2	2	2	2	2	6.3%
Philosophy						2	2	2.0%
Art & Music		3	3	3	3	2	2	8.3%
Physical Education		3	3	3	3	3	3	9.4%
SUM : Humanities & Art		14	14	14	15	16	16	100 %
Mathematics & Science		13	13	14	15	15	15	
Physical Education		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
Total: Lessons/Week		30	30	31	33	34	34	

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DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRICULUM

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ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

Objectives:

Ability to read rapidly, and to retain. Vocabulary and command of expression in clear and forceful terms. Mechanics of good English. Development of the English language from its roots. Comprehensive study of classical works in English poetry and prose. Impact of the author through his writings on the culture of his epoch.

MATHEMATICS AND GEOMETRY

Objectives:

Sovereignty and skill in numerical and formal computations and solving problems of practical and theoretical interest. Exercises in logical thinking and proof. Ability to recognize and express simple phenomena in nature and technology in a mathematical form.

Grade 7 Numbers 3 hrs, introduction to plane geometry 2 hrs.
Grade 8 Algebra 3 hrs, plane geometry 2 hrs.
Grade 9 Algebra 3 hrs, graphical geometry 2 hrs.
Grade 10 Advanced algebra, 2 hrs, solid geometry 3 hrs.
Grade 11 Number theory 2 hrs, trigonometry 3 hrs.
Grade 12 Analytical geometry and calculus 5 hrs.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Objectives:

Major foreign Language: Acquisition of a sufficient vocabulary to read the contemporary literature and periodicals. Ability to express in good grammar this vocabulary orally and in writing. Development of a good pronunciation and a feeling for an innate sense of the language. Study of famous writings of masters in the native tongue, leading to a deeper appreciation of the culture originating in that language.

Minor foreign Language: Grades 10, 11, 12. Obtain a vocabulary and conversational ability. Translation of articles from the foreign language into English.

PHYSICS, including laboratory

Objectives:

Understanding of the physical processes in nature. Knowledge of the elementary physical laws and their mathematical formulation. Development of experimental techniques for scientific measurements.

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PHYSICS, including laboratory (cont'd)

- Grade 7 Introduction to physics-Scientific explanation of phenomena occurring in nature.
- Grade 9 Solids mechanics - statics and dynamics.
- Grade 10 Fluid mechanics and principles of thermodynamics.
- Grade 11 Wave mechanics, sound and optics.
- Grade 12 Electricity and magnetism.

CHEMISTRY

Objectives:

Understanding of the important chemical processes in nature. Knowledge of basic chemical laws, composition of matter, valence, etc. Atomic and molecular structure. Minerals and Crystal forms. Ability to perform laboratory experiments.

- Grade 8 Introduction to chemistry. Understanding of everyday chemical processes occurring in nature.
- Grade 10 Composition of matter, atomic and molecular structure. Formulae and equations. Qualitative analysis.
- Grade 11 Study of inorganic chemical processes and reactions. Quantitative analysis.
- Grade 12 Theory of ions. Introduction to organic chemistry.

HISTORY

Development of the historical relationship of cause and effect. Study of rise and fall of the principal civilizations. Understanding of the present situation as a result of the historical developments. Introduction to the U. S. Constitution, and the functions of the various branches of our government. History of the State of Washington.

- Grade 7 Ancient History. Greek and Roman Civilization up to the beginning of Christianity.
- Grade 8 Medieval History. Including Renaissance, Humanism and Reformation.
- Grade 9 Age of discovery and early American History up to Revolutionary War.
- Grade 10 European History. French Revolution to World War I.
- Grade 11 U. S. History-Civics, 1775 to World War I and State of Washington.
- Grade 12 Modern World History and present world situation - World War I to date: Current Events.

GEOGRAPHY

Objectives:

Knowledge of the nature of lands, climates, terrains, waters, plants, animals, and human population. Industry and commerce. Fundamentals of meteorology and geology.

Grade 7 Geography of Western Hemisphere.

Grade 8 Geography of Europe.

Grade 9 Geography of Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Grade 10 Study of U. S. Geography, Industry & Commerce.

Grade 11 Introduction to meteorology.

Grade 12 Introduction to geology - including field trips.

NATURAL HISTORY

Objectives:

Understanding of plants and animals. Ability to observe and describe forms of life and living matter. Insight into the structure and function of various organisms, and their dependence on environment. Exercises with the microscope. Anatomy and physiology of the human body, and influence of environment on human health.

Grade 7 Introduction to Botany, local flora.

Grade 8 Structure of plant cells - microscope studies.

Grade 9 Plant identification exercises. Beginning zoology, development of the species up to insects.

Grade 10 Zoology, development of species, insects to reptiles and birds.

Grade 11 Zoology - mammals: Recapitulation of development of the species. Introduction to anatomy.

Grade 12 Physiology and hygiene.

PHILOSOPHY

Objectives:

General Survey of the History of philosophy. Study of the most significant philosophical teachings and their influence on civilization. Stimulation of the students to develop a strong desire to seek a love of truth and wisdom, and to develop his ability to grasp abstract ideas, such as ethics, and esthetics, logic and politics, and see their relationship to the complexities of contemporary life. Expansion of the students mental outlook through his ability to grasp the significant factors motivating mankind.

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Mrs. Edwin P. Shackelford
1105 North L Street
Tacoma 3, Washington

Dear Mrs. Shackelford:

Your letter postmarked January 14, 1959,
and enclosures have been received in Mr. Hoover's absence
from Washington, and I am acknowledging them for him.
I know that he will be appreciative of your interest in
writing.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

1 - Seattle
Reurlet 1-12-59.

ATTENTION SAC: In view of the controversial nature of subject
matter in correspondent's letter, no further acknowledgment is being
forwarded. Any contacts with her along such lines should be handled
in a discreet manner.

NOTE: Correspondent takes issue with the Bureau on the work and the
contribution of the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee and the
Anti-Defamation League. She feels that such Jewish groups are not
active opponents of communism and that a re-evaluation of their efforts
should be made. Her enclosures refer to local problems facing school
circles in Tacoma, Washington, and the curricula these schools should
adopt. In view of the highly controversial nature of Mrs. Shackelford's
views and the fact that she may use or distort any reply sent her over

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Mrs. Edwin P. Shackelford

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The Director's signature, an in-absence reply is believed advisable. Even though Seattle's memorandum 1-12-59 describes Mrs. Shackelford as being a sincere and intelligent person, there is the strong possibility she could become a trouble maker in view of her views expressed in current letter. Nothing derogatory concerning her appears in Bufiles.

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Dear Sir=

Could you please send a copy of the April Bulletin, also, if it is permissible, can I be placed on the mailing list to receive your monthly Bulletins? Thank you-

/s/ Mrs. Virginia Shackelford
1105 No. L
Tacoma 3, Wash.

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Dear Sir =

Could you please send a copy
of the April Bulletin, also, if it is
permissible, can I be placed on the
mailing list to receive your monthly
Bulletins? Thank you —

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford

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Tacoma 3, Wash.

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gm *100-15000-3*
Mrs. Edwin P. Shackelford
1105 North L Street
Tacoma 3, Washington

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Dear Mrs. Shackelford:

Your communication postmarked May 9, 1961,
has been received.

In response to your inquiry, because material
in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin is designed primarily for
the use of those having an active interest in law enforcement
matters, we have found it necessary to restrict its distribution,
and I am unable to send you copies. I am, however, enclosing
a reprint of my message which appeared in the April, 1961,
issue of the Bulletin which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

1 - Seattle - Enclosure
ReBulet 1-22-59.

NOTE: Name and complete address per prior correspondence. Several
letters have been received from Mrs. Shackelford dating back to 1958,
and the Seattle Office has advised that she has in the past furnished
limited information of a security interest. She is confined to her bed most
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Mrs. Edwin P. Shackelford

5-17-61

NOTE CONTINUED: of the time but occasionally gives talks and attends meetings in a zealous effort to combat communism. Seattle has described her as being completely sincere, but her correspondence with the Bureau would seem to indicate that she could easily become a trouble maker on controversial subjects. The last outgoing 1-22-59 was an in-absence reply for this reason, and Seattle was instructed to handle her circumspectly in any contacts. (100-430000).